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Amendments to the Specification:

Page 10 please amend the paragraph starting on line 21 as follows:

The SMV are formed from a lipid component and a ODN. The lipid component comprises 20-30 mol %, and more preferably 20-25% of an ionizable amino lipid. The ionizable lipid is selected such that raising the pH surrounding the small multilamellar vesicles to a pH of around 7.5 results in the release ~~are substantially free~~ of external, non-encapsulated oligodeoxynucleotides at physiological pH. ~~The term "physiological pH" refers to pH levels conventionally encountered in serum or blood. In general, this will be in the range of pH 7.2 to 7.5. Ionizable lipids have a pKa such that they are substantially neutral at this pH, i.e., a pKa of about 4 to 7 in the case of an amino lipid.~~ A preferred ionizable amino lipid is DODAP. Other ionizable lipids which could be used include DODMA.

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